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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of KIMURA, Masahiro
CLEANING CONTROL METHOD FOR RECORDING HEAD, CLEANING
CONTROLLER PERFORMING THE METHOD, AND RECORDER
INCORPORATING THE CLEANING CONTROLLER
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q77847

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/942,031 (Confirmation No.8442) filed August 30, 2001 of KIMURA, Masahiro entitled CLEANING CONTROL METHOD FOR RECORDING HEAD, CLEANING CONTROLLER PERFORMING THE METHOD, AND RECORDER INCORPORATING THE CLEANING CONTROLLER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 9 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2861.

The specification has been amended by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/942,031 filed August 30, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-260588	August 30, 2000
Japan	2001-240103	August 8, 2001

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/642,031.



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A check for the statutory fee of \$856.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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